

WNF Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 12, 2018

4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Attendees:

Canada – Iva Lloyd
Australia – Natalie Cook
Belgium – Myriam Francotte
Chile – Jorge Neira Bravo
New Zealand – Jill Dunn
Spain – Tina Hausser
United States – Moira Fitzpatrick

Regrets:

Argentina – Claudio Esteve
Nepal – Dr. Karki
Egypt – Dr. Khalid Tallawy
Slovenia – Erika Brajnik
United Kingdom – Tom Greenfield
Zambia – Lawrence Chanza
Jon Wardle – Secretariat
Dave Deeley – Assistant Secretariat

Next Executive Committee Meeting - Sat, August 11, 2018, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM **EDT**

WNF Agenda Items

1. *Approval of February 2018 minutes*

Motion to approve the February 2018 minutes: Jill Dunn

Seconded: Tina Hausser

Motion carried

2. *Membership Update*

a. *Renewal up-date*

b. *Approval of new members*

i. *Full*

Nigeria - Nigerian Council of physicians of Natural Medicine

Switzerland - Swiss Association of Naturopaths with Federal Diploma (SANFD)

Motion to accept the new Full members are presented: Natalie Cook

Seconded by Iva Lloyd

Motion carried

ii. *Educational:*

Nigeria - National College of Natural Medicine Lagos

Canada - Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine (BINM)

Spain - Philippus Thuban

Motion to accept the new Educational members are presented: Iva Lloyd

Seconded by Natalie Cook

Motion carried

iii. *Associate:*

Canada - Quebec Association of Naturopathic Medicine (QANM)

Motion to accept the new Associate members are presented: Jill Dunn

Seconded by Myriam Francotte

Motion carried

3. *Strategic Plan up-date*

4. *WNF Executive 2018/2019*

- a. Western Pacific – Natalie remains on the Executive, but not as Treasurer
North America – Moira staying on for AANP
Eastern Mediterranean relinquishing seat only for this term. It has been offered to South Africa. If they do not take it, it will go to Brazil in Latin America.
Europe – Belgium seat goes to Czech Republic.
- b. Jorge Neira Bravo from Chile approved as the new Treasurer.

5. *Committee Updates*

- a. *Global Affiliations Committee* – Iva Lloyd
 - i. Iva Lloyd, Jon Wardle and Tina Hausser are attending the WHA later this month. We have meetings set up with Dr. Zhang Qi and we will be presenting him with a formal document outlining our progress as a world federation. Iva Lloyd will be presenting the preliminary results of the Global Intra-professional survey at a side-meeting during the WHA. In June, Iva Lloyd has been asked to participate in a WHO working group looking at the standards for Cupping.
- b. *Professional Formation Committee* – Iva Lloyd
 - i. Professional Profiles:
<http://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/naturopathic-professional-profiles/>
 - ii. Self-Governance: <http://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/policy-statements/>

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iii. Guidelines for Professional Organizations:

<http://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/policy-statements/>

c. Membership Committee – Tina Hausser

All new potential members have been presented, discussed and approved by the executive.

d. *Naturopathic Roots Committee* – Tina Hausser

Two meetings were held since the committee's foundation in November 2017. A third meeting is planned for June 2018. Twenty terms were chosen and delivered between the committee members to be defined in a 1st draft. The 1st drafts will be reviewed by all committee members and a second draft will be created.

The 2nd draft will be sent out to all WNF members for feedback. The plan is to approve the terminology document in the WNF GA in March 2019.

There was a question of an example of the terms. Tina named the terms which were chosen to be defined.

Translations: All policy statement documents, the document "Defining the naturopathic profession globally" for professional formation and support letters have been translated into Spanish by Tina.

White Paper document has been translated into Spanish by the WNF associate member "Naturópatas para Chile" and reviewed by Tina and in Slovenian language provided by the WNF full member Association of Naturopaths of Slovenia.

If WP document will be translated in more languages, Tina recommended to review the translation by a professional referring technical terms.

e. *Professional Mapping Committee* – Jill Dunn

The original professional mapping survey has been reopened until July 20th and has been sent out to new WNF members and to organizations that didn't participate early last year in order to gain broader participation from a wider array of countries where naturopathy is practiced.

Phase two has also commenced with current collection of regulatory and education documents for analysis later in the year, in order to examine education and regulatory frameworks, infrastructures and policies and their impact on the emerging profession of naturopathy.

f. *WNF Regional Support Groups*

European Support Group – Tina Hausser

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Two meetings held in 2018, one of them face-to-face in April 2018. All European full members gave an update of the status of the profession in their country about regulation and education, their challenges and forces. A support letter was created for Portugal. Documents about self-regulation and other policy statements from the WNF was presented and if requested a support letter to governments can be provided by the WNF for the European countries.

Tonella Doro from Italy (Naturaliter) asked for contacts in Europe from the WNF to support the European CEN standard.

Western Pacific Support Group - Natalie Cook

ARONAH (Australian Register of Naturopaths and Herbalists) had developed a suite of policy and procedure documents. These have just gone through a period of stakeholder review and are available for any member to access and use. A benefit of the WPRO committee network, is that NZ are looking at them as the key association undergoes some reform and relevant to any country where naturopathy is unregulated and is seeking to match the requirements of a regulated profession. These have been developed in line with the requirements of regulated health professions in Australia. Iva supported their use and advised they are available on the member section.

Latin America Support Group - Jorge Neira Bravo

African Support Group – unavailable

- g. *Educational Committee* – Iva Lloyd
 - i. Naturopathic Conferences
 - ii. Sharing naturopathic resources
- h. *Research Committee* – Iva Lloyd
 - i. The WNF is still moving forward on its goal of clarifying the research behind the naturopathic profession. We are in the process of fundraising to support this effort. The fundraising is going slowly.

6. *Political Activities*

- a. Wrote the Health Minister of Portugal in support of APNA
- b. Sent naturopathic information for the Virtual Library for PAHO:
<http://mtci.bvsalud.org/pt/>

- c. Responded to the PAHO consultation document:
<http://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/newsevents/wnf-response-to-paho/>
- d. Naturopatia trademark response for Mexico

7. Financial Up-date

- a. Donation Initiative: <http://worldnaturopathicfederation.org/donations-to-wnf/>
- b. Fundraiser hired

8. Marketing Update

- a. WNF in naturopathic journals
- b. Social media campaign
- c. Website Update

9. Other Business

- a. 2019 General Assembly Thursday, March 28th, 2019
- b. WNF to write a letter to Wikipedia signed by all members asking them to write honest information on the naturopathic profession. Request by Paul Kern, CMA.
- c. Fundraiser position – Iva requested that committee members let us know of any fundraising organizations in their country.